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CIGARETS AND SCIENCE.

Score a point for the cigaret in the contest that
is and has been waged against it for generations
by enemies of tobacco in any form. Credit it with
a victory that even the staunchest supporter of
the tobacco habit would look upon incredulously.

According to Capt. Finch, leader of the British
expedition which attempted to conquer the heights
of Mt. Everest, the cigaret was one of the most im-
portant factors in the measure of success which the
expedition attained.

On the face of generally known facts the state-
ment that cigaret smoking was a valuable asset for
a mountain climber would be ridiculed. Athletic
coaches the world over frown on indulgence of the
tobacco habit by athletes under their care, and phy-
sicians heartily agree with them that cigaret
smoking is injurious to the endurance powers
of men engaged in any sustained and highly ex-
hausting physical endeavor.

Yet, according to Capt. Finch, speaking before the
Royal Geographical society in London, indulgence
of that habit at high altitudes supplies a very im-
portant physical stimulus.

Recounting his experiences in the attempt to
scale the world's highest peak, Capt. Finch told his
audience that at an altitude of 25,000 feet he and
all the members of his party suffered from lack of
air unless the mind was concentrated on the ques-
tion of breathing. In a measure of desperation he
finally lit one of 30 cigarettes which he had with him,
and he immediately discovered that breathing was
easier, and that the mind could be taken off that
problem altogether.

The effect of the cigaret lasted for about three
hours, Capt. Finch said, and during the time the
30 cigarettes lasted his little party, one of the great-
est difficulties in their task was entirely eliminated.
With the exhaustion of the supply the party was
forced to have recourse to oxygen, which enabled
them to have their first sleep at that great altitude.
This incident cannot be viewed as a brief for the
cigaret. It is merely an incident bringing out a fact
strikingly unusual in the light of previous experi-
ence.

The scientific explanation offered is that the
smoke acted as an irritant and took the place of
carbon dioxide in which the blood was deficient at
high altitudes. The presence of carbon monoxide
in the smoke acted as a stimulant and assisted the
breathing processes.

HOW ABOUT THE JUDGE?

A New York judge very sharply criticized a jury
which had acquitted a man on trial for murder.
"It is shocking to the court and humiliating to
me," said this judge as he dismissed the jury after
telling them their verdict had made futile the
efforts of the police department and the prosecutors
and that the jury was really tearing down the law.

After you have digested the full meaning of this
pronouncement from the bench, you may well ask
yourself as to what ought to be done with the
judge who went so far beyond his duty and beyond
the theory of the laws as to question the verdict of
a jury. Our entire system of criminal procedure
and of criminal law is based upon the jury, the right
to which was obtained by years of instant fighting
and of demand of those who had been oppressed
by the tyrannies of courts.

Before man had the right of trial by jury, his fate
was left at the whim or caprice of any judge before
whom he might be brought. Whatever were the
facts, whatever was the evidence, his fate was fre-
quently settled by a personal opinion or prejudice
or passion of the court.

It was against the tyranny of judges that the jury
system was created, resting upon the theory that
a verdict of twelve men listening to the same stories
and the same evidence would be a protection against
unreasonable or prejudiced opinions. The jury
system has worked well in this country. It has not
been perfect but it is infinitely better than the
placing of life and liberty of citizens in the hands
of one man. There may be some necessary amend-
ments to meet the changing conditions of life but
it so happens that the jury system is the American
system and when a judge assaults the justice of its
verdict, he also assaults one of the very fundamen-
tal principles of all law.

The ordinary layman can hardly be blamed if he
is sometimes skeptical of the justice of judges if
judges take upon themselves the odium of disputing
the justice of juries.

THE FINAL CURTAIN.

This final curtain has fallen upon the part which
Frank Bacon played in this life. Known virtually
throughout the entire world for his masterpiece,
"Fanny Hill," and his acting of the titular role, his
death marks the passing of one of the greatest
characters of the stage.

A kind fate seemingly had guided the destinies
of this man. Thwarted in a youthful ambition to
become a sheepherder, an advertising solicitor, an
editor, and finally a politician, he drifted to the
stage. Appearing first in a stock production of
"Ten Nights in a Barroom," he rapidly mounted to
the pinnacle of fame, and attained successes such
as few actors of the present day have equaled.
And at the time of his death he was at the very
height of his career. His name will go down in
the history of the American stage without that
addenda which has unfortunately been only too
common—"He was finally forced to leave the stage,
and passed his last years in comparative seclusion."

In long distant years to come the name of Frank
Bacon will still be that of one of America's greatest
actors and creators, one of whom it was justly said
at the time of his death:

"He who takes men and women from their trou-
bles to a carefree spirit is a creator in the finest
sense of the word."

STRANGE MR. YOU.

We are strange nervous mechanisms, we humans,
fearfully and wonderfully made. And here are

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams

FRIEND

One of the most abused and ill-used words in the
language is the word friend.

"A friend or two" becomes a big possession when
you understand what a friend is. Not a person who
will gladly smile with you when things are breaking
well, and the path is clear and smooth—but one
who goes the route with you, who sticks when the
crowd leaves.

Stevenson put it truly when he said: "A few
friends, but those without capitulation."

We imagine that we want much in this world, and
we dream of these coveted possessions. But when it
gets dark in our heart and the rain falls outside
and it is very lonely, we like to be heartened by
some gentle knock at the door, and then to have it
opened for us to our friend who knew that we
wanted him—and so he came!

That was what Nicodemus longed for when he
silently stole out into the darkness of the night and
sought Jesus.

If there were more friends made by marriage,
there would be happier homes and fewer divorces.

The love of a friend—can you think of a more
divine gift?

In the Bible, I think it was Enoch who gloried
that he was "a friend of God's."

When I get particularly lonely, I like to think of
God as my best friend. And I like to talk to Him
in that vein—feeling His humanity the more.

The thing that binds friend to friend is useful-
ness—always giving as much as you take. How
wonderful to thrill with the success and happiness
of your friend—and to be compensated for any gift
to him by the feeling that his appreciation has re-
turned a hundredfold or more.

The world is large—though small. Our friend
cannot, in bodily presence, follow us here and there.
But his spirit may be as real and beautiful to us
as though we were but inches apart.

And that's the compensation of friendship.

Being a friend—and having one—that's wealth!

three of the strangest things about us, caught in
the far-flung net, today's news:

A young soldier, mentally wrecked by shell-
shock, was experimented on by doctors. Taken to
a room where everything was a livid red, he
shrieked in agony. Then they led him to a primrose-
yellow room. He sighed happily, drifted to deep
sleep. Kept in this room he rapidly recovered to
normal.

S. T. Ballinger of New York tells this remarkable
story of a convention of paint and varnish makers.

Ballinger says scientists have discovered that a
room furnished in a dark color tends to cause mel-
ancholia and an aversion to work. A red room tem-
porarily stimulates, then reacts in nervous head-
ache. Blue induces calm. Green seems to impart
happiness and vitality. Yellow makes people amia-
ble, contented, soothed.

A good tip, when you redecorate your home. To
avoid monotony, use combinations, not one color
alone.

The effect of color vibrations on our nerves is a
mystery.

Railroad riding will be rougher as the weather
gets colder, says Dr. Pilgrimage H. Dudley, weather
expert for New York Central railroad.

He explains it this way: Winter cold makes the
steel rails thermometer drops. To our delicate
nerves, riding seems very bumpy over the slight
gaps between the shrunken rails.

You think it wonderful that "frost" can shrink
steel rails and make the crack. More wonderful
is that we strange humans are more powerful than
either cold or steel, both our slaves. Our mental
and nerve powers, compared with animals, are little
short of terrible.

In Western Electric laboratories, this is discov-
ered: The human voice can be reduced to a mil-
lionth of its volume and still be heard. But the voice
cannot be heard when reduced to a ten-millionth.

That is a remarkably fine distinction, the vanish-
ing point of sound so infinitesimally minute that the
human brain cannot conceive of it.

Yet it holds good for all normal human ears, al-
though no two people hear the same thing in ex-
actly the same way.

When you ponder marvels, consider the delicacy
of the human nerves that make all this possible.

Winter brings back the man who takes a cold
bath daily and lies about other things also.

Other Editors Than Our:

THE DISCIPLINE OF FOOTBALL.

(New York Times.)
Amid the congratulations which Princeton is re-
ceiving for her remarkable football record this year,
eight ought not to be lost of the main point. Her
triumph is admitted to have been chiefly of a moral
sort. Beginning the season with what was thought
to be unpromising material for the eleven and with
a discouraging outlook, a team was finally molded
which conquered less by muscle than by will power.
Its three outstanding victories were snatched from
what was expected to be defeat, and the achieve-
ment was attributed by all football critics to the
blazing out of a never-say-die fighting spirit. On
Saturday at Princeton the team showed that it
could go against what appeared to be heavy odds,
could endure a terrific assault quarter after quarter,
and yet maintain its determination never to submit
or yield and to demonstrate on the gridiron the
value of moral superiority like that which Marshal
Foch used to hold up before his soldiers as the ideal.
It is as true of a football game as it is of a
battle that it is not lost until the defeated side wills
it to be lost.

In the Princeton example we see the true justifi-
cation for countenancing these great intercollegiate
contests. Many college presidents and friends of
the higher education have been seriously disquieted
by some of the unpleasant aspects of these great
spectacles. But the college authorities have asked
one question to which no satisfactory answer has
been given. Where else, they demand, can we find
the equivalent for discipline which football gives?
It summons young men to give the best that is in
them, to secure delights and live laborious days, to
show their individuality in that of the team, and
above all, to cultivate the indomitable spirit which
never knows when it is beaten. Such moral gains
and qualities, if they can be carried into the work
of after life, will be of enormous public value. What
might not be done for social betterment and politi-
cal improvement if those fighting for them could
have something of the joy of battle, the irresistible
clash and the unconquerable spirit displayed at
Princeton on Saturday?

AUTOS.

(Knoxville News.)
The auto trade checks up and predicts that Amer-
ican factories this year will turn out nearly 2,500,-
000 passenger cars and trucks.

In 1914 there were less than 1,000,000 autos and
trucks in the United States. By 1923 the figure will
be at least 11,000,000 registrations.

Maybe Einstein can figure out where the cars will
be parked during business hours, five years from
now. Roads in rush periods will resemble endless
swarms of ants.

Airplanes will come into common use. They'll
have to. Highways already are nearing the traffic
"saturation point."

The Tower of Babel

Bill Armstrong

OPEN LETTER TO SANTA

Mr. Santa Claus,
Care Wyman's, South Bend, Ind.

MY DEAR MR. SANTA CLAUS:—
I have been such a good boy all
year long, with a few exceptions that
I have decided to take my pen in
hand to tell you in a few well chosen
words what I and some of my
friends want for Christmas. Before
I forget it, be sure and bring me a
nice assortment of new Ford acces-
sories as I have about exhausted my
supply of the same.

I will first take up what my lit-
tle girl wishes for Christmas and
then what my business manager
wants, and then I will return to my
own case again. Both have led very
useful, peaceful lives during the
year just past and deserve to get
the presents that I am suggesting
for them.

For my little girl, who will soon
reach what I shall describe as the
third milestone, I would like to ask
that you bring her a new safety ra-
zor, a smoking stand, as many boxes
of cigars as you think she ought to
have, a bank account that anyone
in the immediate family with the
exception of my mother can
dip into whenever they feel like it,
a nice medium priced automobile of
some kind, a step ladder and a tooth
brush.

And oh, yes, I nearly forgot to
mention that the little one also
would like to have a new doll, as
some of the stuff that that guy
has been handing out around town
lately is a fright.

And for the business manager, I
suggest the Woolworth building and
a new wash board, and a new pipe
and let me caution you Santa not
to send another rolling pin this
year. The one you gave her last
year hasn't hardly been used at all
for legitimate purposes and it's just
as good as the day she got it except
a few niches in it, which were all
uncalled for, and as Doc Stoltz said
certainly resulted in ugly scalp
wounds to the undersigned.

And leaving my family to one
side now that I have outlined to you
about what they want, I would like
to petition you on behalf of some
my friends. Some of them won't
admit that such is the case, but the
mere fact that I am writing you in
their behalf proves doesn't it, that I
am their friend and that I care for
them. I am the kind that turns my nose
up for them to wallop after they smite
me on the right cheek and then on
the left cheek.

I heard Lloyd Greenan wishing

the other day that he was six inches
taller, so if you can do anything
for him along this line, your ef-
forts, Clausey, will be appreciated.
If you are in position to anything
on this, let me say, too Santa old
fellow, that you leave the luggage
out as Greenan has got enough of
this all ready.

Bring some inspiration along with
you that I can squirt on Frank Her-
ring and make him a fisherman and
a golfer. And for Tom Brandon I
would suggest you bring me a ware-
house full of clocks and suits, so
that he won't have to go to New
York for years to come. Tom has
to be running to New York all the
time, and gets to see all the new
shows and he's getting sick and
dread of it, and he'll be mighty glad
when I tell him that he won't have
to go again for a long time.

And for Andy Weisberg, I would
suggest that you arrange to remain
in South Bend next year to promote
a half dozen or so hotels, to buck
the Oliver. Andy just loves compe-
tition, and if there were more people
here in the hotel business, he could
lock up Oliver on Home-Coming day
and go and watch the boys tear up
his competitor's hotels, which
would be rare good fun and too,
Chub Birdsell might go out of the
Oliver lobby to see hilarity and that
would give them a chance to dust
off Chub's chair in the lobby that
has been occupying so many years.

Bring along a good political office
for Jake Heckaman when you come
this way, most Democrat preferred,
and please Mr. Santa don't forget
old Fred Bryan of George Robert-
son. Suggest a bottle of "Boils-
Gets-Em-Quick" for Fred Bryan
and a kiddy car for Mr. Robertson,
to enable him to get around over
his new store quicker. Please be
sure and include a sunny disposi-
tion for John Ellsworth and a nice
classic book of some kind, like "The
Adventures of Lefty Louie" for Joe
Neff. There are also lots of others
that I could suggest for and I may
do later when I have time, such as
a Ford runabout for Mr. Erskine
(this long walk from his house to
the factory every day are wearing
that man out between you and I,
Clausey) and some hair blackening
for Mayor Seebirt, and as for me,
I will be pleased Santa if you just
let me alone. I need so many
things I won't set them down here
cause I don't want to discourage you
into leaving South Bend off your
schedule.

Cordially Yours,
BILL ARMSTRONG

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sidered, and receive personal replies.

Q. What causes fallen arches in
the feet?

A. Either too great a strain upon
the feet, ill fitting shoes or weak-
ness of the muscles which give
strength to the bones in the direc-
tions in which it is most required.

Q. By whom and where was the
gland operation performed on Mr.
Harold McCormick?

A. The operation was performed
by Dr. Victor D. Lespinasse of Chi-
cago, at Chicago.

Q. What is the formula for the
treatment of hard-finished walls to
be painted?

A. If the walls are to be painted
in flat colors, prime them with a
thin coat of lead and oil well brush-
ed into the wall. Next put on a
thick coat of g. e. size; next a coat
mixed with 1.3 oil and 2-3 turpen-
tine; next a coat of flat paint mixed
with turpentine. If any dry pig-
ment is used mix it stiff in oil and
thin with turps. If in either case
the paint dries too fast, and is liable
to show laps, put a little glycerine
in to retard the drying.

Q. Where is the battleship Ore-
gon? Was this vessel shelled during
the Spanish-American war?

A. The Oregon is now out of
commission at Puget Sound navy
yard, Puget Sound, Washington. The
Oregon was shelled by guns at Noron
Castle and by the Spanish cruiser
Caruso at Santago during the war
with Spain.

Q. How many working people
are there in the U. S. A.?

A. According to the census of
1919, 41,850,000 are "gainfully em-
ployed."

Q. Name some of the important
floods that have taken place in the
United States.

A. The Galveston, Johnstown
and Dayton floods. There have also
been a number of floods in the Mis-
sissippi valley.

Q. How many automobiles are
there in the United States?

A. According to a 1921 report—
8,877,572.

Q. What is the largest and fast-
est passenger steamer?

A. The fastest steamer is the
Mauretania and the largest passen-
ger steamer is the Malet.

Q. What is the secret of success-
fully growing bulbs indoors?

A. The essential is that they
shall become thoroughly rooted be-
fore the tops are permitted to grow.
This is done by planting the bulbs
in soil either in shallow porcelain
pots or in boxes. These bulbs are
then placed in a cool place in the
dark for a period of two to six or
eight weeks, or even longer if de-
sired. They should be left there
until the roots are well started. In
the case of the bulbs planted in pots
the pots may be lined and tightly
tapped when the bulb and soil will
come out in a mass. When the
bulbs have been sufficiently long
in the pots will be completely cov-
ered with rootlets. The bulbs should
then be brought into a slightly
warmer place with some light for
three or four days and then brought
gradually into greater warmth and
full light. During all the period of
growth the ground should be kept
moist without being waterlogged.

Q. Have there been any land-
slides or cave-ins on the Panama
Canal in the past year?

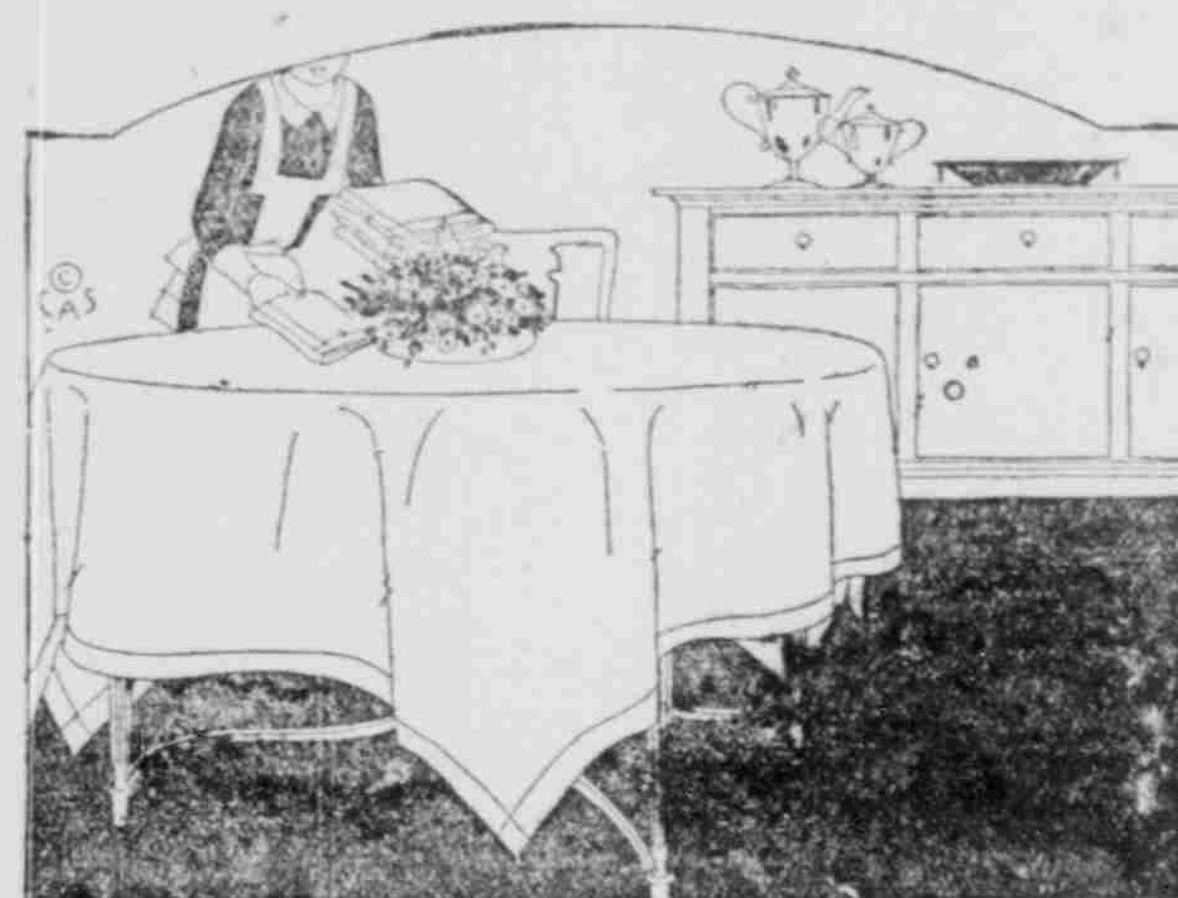
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Q. How is fish scent for trapping
solves made?

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